

Requested by: Senators Martin of Pitt, Jenkins, Weinstein, Albertson,  
Representatives Mitchell, Baker, Carpenter, Hunter

### **LOAN PROGRAM FOR SMALL, FAMILY-OWNED FARMS**

**Section 13.8.** (a) The funds appropriated in this act to the North Carolina Rural Rehabilitation Corporation within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the 1998-99 fiscal year shall be used to make loans to those farmers of small, family-owned farms having financial difficulty as shown by their inability to obtain affordable conventional loans from other sources.

(b) Priority for loans from the funds allocated under this section shall be extended for the following small, family-owned farms:

- (1) Dairy farms with fewer than 300 dairy cows.
- (2) Turkey farms that have lost contracts with integrators for reasons not related to having violated environmental laws or rules.
- (3) Swine farms of fewer than 500 swine at any time.
- (4) Peach or apple farms that have lost fifty percent (50%) or more of their fruit crop due to frost or freeze damage.

(c) The term of the loans under this section shall not exceed 20 years. These loans shall be provided in accordance with the lending requirements of the North Carolina Rural Rehabilitation Corporation pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 137 of the General Statutes.

(d) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall adopt rules to implement this section.

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Representatives Mitchell, Baker, Carpenter, Hunter, Tolson

### **LEWIS STEAM POWERED SAWMILL RELOCATION**

**Section 13.9.** The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may use up to two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000) in available funds for the State fair for the 1998-99 fiscal year for the expenses of relocating the Lewis Steam Powered Sawmill from Pitt County to the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh, restoring and rendering the sawmill operational at its new site, and operating the sawmill.

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### **POULTRY/RATITE DEALERS REGISTRATION**

**Section 13.10.** (a) G.S. 106-540(3) reads as rewritten:

"(3) Regulate hatching egg dealers, chick dealers, poult dealers, poultry dealers, ratite dealers, and jobbers."

(b) G.S. 106-541 reads as rewritten:

"§ 106-541. *Definitions.*

For the purpose of this ~~Article, a hatchery shall be defined as~~ Article, the following definitions apply:

(1) 'Hatchery' means any establishment that operates hatchery equipment for the production of baby chicks or poults.

(2) ~~A hatching~~ 'Hatching egg dealer, chick dealer or jobber shall mean dealer, or jobber' means any person, ~~firm~~ firm, or